

SEEKING ROSENBLUM AS SLAYER OF FATHER

Family and Friends of Merchant
Declare Chain of Evidence
is Convincing.

OLD MAN FEARED FOR LIFE

Arrest of Son Insisted Upon by
Sister When Father
Disappeared.

WINDBET, PA., August 23.—Pale and shaken from his inspection at Camden on Friday of the ghastly contents of the trunk found in Hudderswood, Henry Friedman, former clerk in the clothing store of Samuel J. Rosenbloom, returned to Windbet early yesterday morning, bringing with him what he believes to be the last link in a chain of evidence explaining the mysterious disappearance of his old employer, and pointing the guilt to Alex, the merchant's youngest son.

The body, he said, could not be recognized, but the trunk, the rope with which it was bound and the few articles which it contained, were all familiar and were, in his opinion, sufficient to furnish complete proof of the identity of the victim.

Friends Sure There Was Foul Play.
There seems to be no doubt, either in the mind of Friedman or in the minds of the Bricker family, that the disappearance of the Rosenblooms, who now run his store, that the old man met his death by foul play.

The return of Friedman, confident of his identification, merely served to confirm suspicions held ever since Rosenbloom's disappearance. The fact of last November and to show the method of a crime which they were sure had been committed. Previous to the finding of the trunk, members of the family believed that the old man's murdered body would be found in one of the abandoned mines around Windbet and a search of the probable spots was undertaken.

Finding of Alex Only Necessary.
The finding of the trunk and its identification by Friedman have made these suspicions of foul play a certainty, and both the family and neighbors familiar with the case are confident that the last of the mystery will be solved with the finding of young Alex Rosenbloom. Pledges out by contributions from Friedman, the neighbors and from members of the Bricker family, the story of the tragedy is now complete in each detail.

The neighbors tell of months of family quarrels among the Rosenblooms, the noise of which kept the whole neighborhood awake. Mrs. Rosenbloom, they say, was a tennant, Mr. Rosenbloom extremely frugal, and young Alex continually in need of money and never missing a chance to make a disturbance. The affair in New York, when Mr. Rosenbloom claimed his son Alex made an attempt on his life, grew so bad that father and son were no longer even on speaking terms, fearing for his life, the old man no longer slept in his own room, but locked himself at night in a small room back of the store. Sol Bricker, Rosenbloom's nephew, said that at 6 o'clock on the evening of Monday, November 11th, he saw his uncle sitting working over some accounts in this back room. At 10 o'clock he was seen by Harry Friedman, who did not set eyes on him again until he faced his desecrated remains yesterday at Camden.

Alex Mysteriously Disappeared.
Questioned by the Brickers on the morning following as to the whereabouts of his father, Alex said that he had gone to Charleroi to visit his son, Louis, and his son-in-law, Ben Cohen. They said that he left on the morning of the following Wednesday. Alex left the house without saying where he was going, and remained away until 7 o'clock in the evening of the day after.

On Friday Alex came to Friedman, gave him a month's wages in advance and a ticket to New York, and had at the same time that his services were no longer desired. Friedman went to New York, but failing to find employment, returned to Windbet on the 22d, where he found that his old place had been taken by two brothers by the name of Egler, who had been brought from Johnston by Alex on the evening of Friedman's departure.

Daughter Wanted Brother Arrested.
In the interim the bogus letter from the New York doctor, explaining Rosenbloom's absence on the grounds of sickness, had been received, and an investigation was being made. The address by Lena Weller, one of Rosenbloom's married daughters, had shown the letter to be a falsehood concocted by Alex Rosenbloom.

She wrote her mother, advising Alex's immediate arrest, but Alex, forewarned in some way that suspicion was directed against him, left Windbet on the 24th of November, and all trace of his movements was lost. Only once after he had left Windbet did any member of the family set eyes on him. That was only a few days after his departure, when he appeared mysteriously at the home of his sister, Hannah Bricker, near Brunswick, N. J., remained on the porch talking for a few minutes to the children, and then departed as mysteriously as he had come.

His sister said that in the short glimpse she had of him, she saw that he had been drinking, and had made evident efforts at disguise.

Mrs. Rosenbloom, wife of the murdered man, and her youngest daughter, Eva, remained in Windbet until a little more than a month ago, when they, too, mysteriously disappeared, leaving Hannah Bricker, Rosenbloom's sister, and Sol Bricker, his nephew, in charge of the store.

No clue can be obtained here as to Alex's possible whereabouts. The brothers, who it is thought may have acted as confederates in the crime, left the town shortly after the disappearance, and were last seen by Sol Bricker in New York. The disappearance of Mrs. Rosenbloom and her daughter, Eva, is equally complete, and as far as the capture of the actual criminals is concerned, the mystery seems as far from its solution as the day in which the trunk was first found in the wood near Camden.

Formerly Lived Here.
J. J. Rosenbloom is believed to be a merchant, who for many years lived in London, East Main Street. It is known that he went to Pennsylvania, and little doubt is left in the minds of his former acquaintances that he is the man whose body was found in a trunk near Ephraim, N. J.

M. Rosenbloom, No. 1536 East Main Street, has been constantly besieged by would-be sympathizers, but the dead man was in no way related to him.

RULE QUESTION IS PARAMOUNT

Common Council May Decide to
Adopt New System at
Caucus Thursday.

Attention in councilmanic circles is now so largely centered on the incoming body that but little interest attaches to the few remaining committee meetings of the old Council. A caucus of the lower branch has been called for Thursday night. The call reads "for the choice of a presiding officer," but since the re-election of President Peters has long been an assured fact, there is reason to suppose that the members will take advantage of the opportunity offered by the caucus to discuss the rules to be adopted for the government of the two branches. Already this question of rules is the most prominent one in the minds of the incoming Council, and on the vote as finally taken will depend much of the factional alignment in both branches.

Old Ward System Fight.
So far as can be learned, the whole fight against the proposed new rules lies in the ward division of street funds and the following of ward lines in the street improvement system. The new Council will have a prompt opportunity of putting itself squarely on record for or against this system. A member of the lower branch of the Council, who has been active in organizing the opposition to the present system, said yesterday that he was quite hopeful the new Council would take this long step in advance by abolishing the ward system and going in for comprehensive street improvement.

It could have the Street Committee prepare a scheme of street improvement annually or semi-annually, and submit it to the Council very much in the same manner as the Finance Committee prepares a budget of expenditures at the opening of each year. Why couldn't the Street Committee submit to the Council annually a list of proposed street improvements, with an estimate of the cost, the total not to exceed the budget appropriation to streets generally?

The crux of the situation is believed to be reached in that section of the new rules which prohibits the paving of the roadbed of any street without authority of the Council.

Winding Up the Work.
A call has been issued for a meeting of the Committee on Street Signs at 8 o'clock on Thursday, when an effort will be made to wind up the work of the committee. The committee is to meet between now and August 31st to approve their pay-rolls and close their work. No effort has as yet been made to get a meeting of the Common Council to consider the action of the Board of Aldermen placing the Building Inspector in charge of certain city buildings.

THROWN FROM WAGON

Farmer Painfully Hurt Near Scotts-
burg—Geological Survey.

SCOTTSBURG, VA., August 23.—Mr. James C. Jones, a prominent farmer, about four miles from here, while returning from South Boston in a two-horse wagon, was thrown out by a rapid jerk of the horses and a broken arm was the result. The team ran down the steep hill and across the barbed wire fence, and was stopped by collision with a telephone pole, which demolished the wagon without any serious condition to the harness.

Mr. Robert Womack, whose residence has been in the Cave on Staunton River for the past two years as a farmer, after paying all rents, to buy and pay \$6,000 for the 330-acre farm, belonging to S. A. McCormick, known as one of the divisions of the Dr. John Coleman estate, lying only two miles from here. The farm was offered at auction for \$5,000.

The government geologists are here making a complete geological survey of this county, which is rich in mineral as well as agricultural products.

HALT IN TRIAL

No Further Move Against Seaman Who
Insulted President.

NORFOLK, VA., August 23.—There is considerable speculation regarding the halt in the trial of Arthur Jenkins, a United States seaman, charged with sending an obscene postal card through the mails to President Roosevelt.

Inquiry was made yesterday at the offices of the deputy marshal, and it was stated that they had simply received orders not to go any further with the case at present. Post-Office Inspector Bulla was as reticent as ever, and no one seemingly knows when Jenkins will be tried. The seaman is confined in the "brig" aboard the receiving ship Franklin.

CAUGHT 1,100 FISH

Norfolk Party Surprises Itself With
Record for Day.

NORFOLK, VA., August 23.—A tug party and fishing frolic was given Friday by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Aydelotte to a number of their friends. A summary of the day's results surprised them all, as it was found that the party had caught more than 1,100 spots, besides other fish. To the little son of Mr. O. H. Johnson, of Portsmouth, was awarded the prize, as he caught a dogfish nearly three feet long.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stanley, Mr. Fred Lake, Mrs. C. S. Aydelotte and son, Earl Mrs. I. F. Shurtliff, Miss Lillian Turner, Mr. James Turner and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Aydelotte, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Johnson, of Norfolk; Mr. G. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, and Mr. Woody, of Portsmouth.

Remain Friends Despite Sensational Tragedy



Latest photograph of Mrs. William E. Annis, who declares she has not in her possession any threatening letters received by her husband from Hains.

Latest photograph of Mrs. P. C. Hains, Jr., the woman in the Annis murder case and wife of the slayer of Annis.

Some Things the World Will Be Doing This Week

The news interest of the week will largely center on political events. John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, will be notified to-morrow of his nomination by the Democratic party for the vice-presidency, and the week will be full of other notable political occurrences that at its close the national campaign will be well under way.

The Kern notification exercise will be held in the State Fair Grounds in Indianapolis. Theodore E. Bell, of California, chairman of the committee, will make the speech of notification, and after the response of the vice-presidential candidate, Mrs. Bryan will deliver an address on the trust question.

Mr. Bryan's speech at the Kern notification may be his only one in Indiana during this campaign. Two days later, on Thursday, he will make another address in the West, going to Toledo, Kan., where his subject will be the guaranty of bank deposits.

Mr. Mack on Thursday will attend the Eastern headquarters of the party's national committee. He will then announce the subcommittee which will control the campaign in the East, and will name the chairman who will be in charge of the headquarters.

Mr. Taft also will be heard in a formal address on Saturday, when he will attend the joint reunion of the Athens county, O., Civil War veterans and the Seventh Regiment, Spanish War veterans.

Other Republican activities of the week will be the invasion of Vermont by party speakers of national reputation, including Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury; Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Senator Burrows, of Michigan. Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, who spent yesterday at Dalton, Mass., as the guest of Senator Crane, will confer with New England State chairmen and national committeemen in Boston to-day, and will go to Portland, Me., before returning to New York.

The festivities at Sydney in honor of the American battleship fleet will come to an end on Wednesday, and on Thursday the sea-fighters will leave for Melbourne.

The week will see the initiation of another interesting experiment by the United States Navy. To-day, seven members of the Pacific fleet will leave San Francisco for a two-months' cruise in the south seas, six of them towing a torpedo boat each—an attempt to develop for the so-called midget craft a wider range of action than has seemed possible for them hitherto.

M. de Reus, whose dismissal by President Castro from his post of Dutch minister at Caracas accentuated the difficulties between Holland and Venezuela, is expected to arrive at The Hague to-day or to-morrow. A definite contract for building the new county jail was awarded by the Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on Saturday, to the Pauly Jail Construction Company, of St. Louis, for the sum of \$13,700. The next lowest bidder was the Camden Iron Works, of Salem, Va., at \$14,290.

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REPUBLICAN MOVE TO BREAK SOLID SOUTH

HOT FIGHT TO BE DECIDED TUESDAY

Race Seems to Be Between Cabell
and Maynard, With Issue in
Much Doubt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., August 23.—"Who will capture the congressional nomination in Tuesday's primary," is the absorbing topic of discussion in Norfolk political circles to-day. Local politicians are divided in opinion, some claiming it is Cabell, and others, Maynard. Mr. Holland, in the opinion of leaders here, will not figure materially in the race. Cabell and Maynard supporters are backing their judgment and scores of bets have been made on the result.

The race is admittedly in doubt, as between Cabell and Maynard. It probably hinges on the strength developed in their respective strongholds, Norfolk and Portsmouth. An overwhelming plurality secured by either will mean victory. The uncertainty of the result is due to the mixed local conditions. The independent and "good government" votes, the latter faction having no candidate in the race, will probably determine who is the next Congressman.

IS MENTAL BREAKDOWN

Victim of Mosquitoes Now Assailed By
Imaginary Swarms.

PHILADELPHIA, August 23.—Imagining that he was constantly surrounded by a swarm of mosquitoes, Harry Kemper, who has been at Edinburg for several months, yesterday was sent from Philadelphia to his home in Lancaster. The mosquitoes had driven him nearly crazy.

On the way he constantly waved his hands and tried to crush the pests which he thought were trying to bite him.

For some time Kemper has been in charge of the testing plant of the Southern Pipe Line Company's pipes near Edinburg. Men employed at the place say that during the entire summer the mosquitoes have been unrelentingly and persistently annoying him, and he began to give indications that his mind was affected.

Physicians say his trouble is due entirely to a nervous affection, brought on by the attacks of the insects.

ASSAULTS HELPLESS WOMAN

Atlantic City Negro Finds Victim Sick
In Bed.

ATLANTIC CITY, August 23.—Mrs. Edith A. Strickland, wife of a fisherman, was brutally assaulted on Monday by a colored man, who broke into her home during her husband's absence, and after ill-treating her, left her lying gagged and helpless on the floor. Mrs. Strickland was ill in bed when her assailant, bent on robbery, broke into the house.

Finding Mrs. Strickland ill,